

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT dated this 8th day of February, 2005, by and between LEON COUNTY, a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County" and EMO Architects, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor."

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of Leon County, Florida, that the County be able to utilize the services of private persons when such services cannot be reasonably provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it would be better to contract for these services than to hire the necessary personnel to satisfy the needs of the County; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure the lowest cost for these services, the County has sought and received competitive bids from contractor for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The Contractor hereby agrees to provide the professional architectural services to the County for Lake Jackson Branch Library and Community Center in accordance with the scope of work, cost schedule, and project schedule listed in Exhibits A, B and C, respectively, and with the requirements contained in Leon County request for proposals number BC-04-30-04-25, said RFP document incorporated into this agreement as if fully set out herein. All work shall be performed as expeditiously as possible utilizing professional skill, care, and standards.

2. WORK

Any work to be performed shall be upon the written request of the County Administrator or his representative, which request shall set forth the commencing date of such work and the time within which such work shall be completed.

The performance of Leon County of any of its obligations under the purchase order or agreement shall be subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds lawfully expendable for the purposes of the purchase order or agreement for the current and any future periods provided for within the bid specifications.

3. CONTRACT SUM

The Contractor agrees that for the performance of the services as outlined above, it shall be remunerated by the County according to the fee schedules contained in Exhibit A, for a total sum of \$332,338.00 on completion of the work and acceptance of it as satisfactory.

4. PAYMENTS

The County will make such payments within thirty (30) days of submission and approval of invoice for services.

5. STATUS

The contractor at all times relevant to this Agreement shall be an independent contractor and in no event shall the Contractor nor any employees or sub-contractors under it be considered to be employees of Leon County.

6. INSURANCE

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees, or

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subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the Contractor's bid.

1. Minimum Limits of Insurance. Contractor shall maintain limits no less than:
 - a. General Liability: \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence with a \$2,000,000 annual aggregate.
 - b. Automobile Liability: One Million and 00/100 (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. **(Non-owned, Hired Car).**
 - c. Workers' Compensation Employers Liability: Insurance covering all employees meeting Statutory Limits in compliance with the applicable state and federal laws and Employer's Liability with a limit of \$500,000 per accident, \$500,000 disease policy limit, \$500,000 disease each employee. **Waiver of Subrogation In lieu of Additional Insured is required.**
 - d. Professional Liability Insurance, including errors and omissions: for all services provided under the terms of this agreement with minimum limits of One Million and 00/100 (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars per occurrence; or claims made form with "tail coverage" extending three (3) years beyond the term of the agreement. Proof of "tail coverage" must be submitted with the invoice for final payment. In lieu of "tail coverage", Contractor may submit annually to the County a current Certificate of Insurance proving claims made insurance remains in force throughout the same three (3)-year period.
2. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County. At the option of the County, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers; or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses.
3. Other Insurance Provisions. The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:
 - a. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages (**County is to be named as Additional Insured**).
 1. The County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds as respects; liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor, including the insured's general supervision of the Contractor; products and completed operations of the Contractor; premises owned, occupied or used by the Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protections afforded the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.
 2. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, it officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance of self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it. Contractor hereby waives subrogation rights for loss or damage against the county.
 3. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the county, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.
 4. The Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom

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claims is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

5. Companies issuing the insurance policy, or policies, shall have no recourse against the County for payment of premiums or assessments for any deductibles with are all at the sole responsibility and risk of Contractor.
- b. All Coverages. Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the County.
4. Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of no less than A:VII.
5. Verification of Coverage. Contractor shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the County before work commences. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.
6. Subcontractors. Contractors shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

7. **LICENSES**

The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining his city or county occupational license and any licenses required pursuant to the laws of Leon County, the City of Tallahassee, or the State of Florida. Should the Contractor, by reason of revocation, failure to renew, or any other reason, fail to maintain his license to operate, the contractor shall be in default as of the date such license is lost.

8. **ASSIGNMENTS**

This Agreement shall not be assigned or sublet as a whole or in part without the written consent of the County nor shall the contractor assign any monies due or to become due to him hereunder without the previous written consent of the County.

9. **INDEMNIFICATIONS**

The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Contractor and other persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of the contract. The Contractor acknowledges that ten dollars (\$10.00) of the amount paid to the Contractor is sufficient consideration for the Contractor's indemnification of the County.

The Firm shall be liable to the County for any reasonable costs incurred by it to correct, modify, or redesign any portion of the project previously reviewed by the Firm that is found to be defective or not in accordance with the Contract Document and provisions of this agreement as a result of negligent act, error or omission on the part of the Firm, its agents, servants, or employees. The Firm shall be given a reasonable opportunity to correct any deficiencies.

10. **MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (M/WBE) PARTICIPATION**

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The Contractor shall meet or exceed the M/WBE participation levels stated in the M/WBE Participation Statement included as part of the bid response for this project, except when the County Good Faith Committee approves an exception.

Any "Good Faith Statement" provided by a Contractor shall follow the requirements of the Florida Statutes, and must demonstrate through documentation that every reasonable effort has been made to achieve the requested percentage.

For those M/WBE firms listed in their bid, Contractors shall be responsible for securing proof of their M/WBE certification and providing copies to the County M/WBE Office.

Also required is a monthly reporting system of the work done by and payments made to certified minority business enterprises as a part of this project. The reports shall detail each invoice submitted to the County and a break down of payments to all subcontractors therein by M/WBE classification.

11. AUDITS, RECORDS, AND RECORDS RETENTION

The Contractor agrees:

- a. To establish and maintain books, records, and documents (including electronic storage media) in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices, which sufficiently and properly reflect all revenues and expenditures of funds provided by the County under this agreement.
- b. To retain all client records, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to this agreement for a period of five (5) years after termination of the agreement, or if an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of five (5) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings or any litigation which may be based on the terms of this agreement.
- c. Upon completion or termination of the agreement and at the request of the County, the Contractor will cooperate with the County to facilitate the duplication and transfer of any said records or documents during the required retention period as specified in paragraph 1 above.
- d. To assure that these records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by Federal, state, or other personnel duly authorized by the County.
- e. Persons duly authorized by the County and Federal auditors, pursuant to 45 CFR, Part 92.36(l)(10), shall have full access to and the right to examine any of provider's agreement and related records and documents, regardless of the form in which kept, at all reasonable times for as long as records are retained.
- f. To include these aforementioned audit and record keeping requirements in all approved subcontracts and assignments.

12. MONITORING

To permit persons duly authorized by the County to inspect any records, papers, documents, facilities, goods, and services of the provider which are relevant to this agreement, and interview any clients and employees of the provider to assure the County of satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Following such evaluation, the County will deliver to the provider a written report of its findings and will include written recommendations with regard to the provider's performance of the terms and conditions of this agreement. The provider will correct all noted deficiencies identified by the County within the specified period of time set forth in the recommendations. The provider's failure to correct

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noted deficiencies may, at the sole and exclusive discretion of the County, result in any one or any combination of the following: (1) the provider being deemed in breach or default of this agreement; (2) the withholding of payments to the provider by the County; and (3) the termination of this agreement for cause.

13. TERMINATION

Leon County may terminate this Agreement without cause, by giving the Contractor thirty (30) days written notice of termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause by giving the other party hereto thirty (30) days written notice of termination. The County shall not be required to give Contractor such thirty (30) day written notice if, in the opinion of the County, the Contractor is unable to perform its obligations hereunder, or if in the County's opinion, the services being provided are not satisfactory. In such case, the County may immediately terminate the Agreement by mailing a notice of termination to the Contractor.

14. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT

In accordance with Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, Contractor hereby certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief neither Contractor nor his affiliates has been convicted of a public entity crime. Contractor and his affiliates shall provide the County with a completed public entity crime statement form no later than January 15 of each year this agreement is in effect. Violation of this section by the Contractor shall be grounds for cancellation of this agreement by Leon County.

15. PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Architect warrants that he or she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the architect (or other) to solicit or secure this agreement and that he or she has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working for the architect any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this agreement.

16. NON-WAIVER

Failure by the County to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement or failure to give notice or declare this Agreement terminated shall not constitute a general waiver or relinquishment of the same, or of any other terms, conditions or acts; but the same shall be and remain at all times in full force and effect.

17. REVISIONS

In any case where, in fulfilling the requirements of this agreement or of any guarantee, embraced in or required thereby it is necessary for the Contractor to deviate from the requirements of the bid, Contractor shall obtain the prior written consent of the County.

18. VENUE

Venue for all actions arising under this agreement shall lie in Leon County, Florida.

19. CONSTRUCTION

The validity, construction, and effect of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.

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WHERETO, the parties have set their hands and seals effective the date whereon the last party executives this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR

WITNESS: _____ BY: _____
President

WITNESS: _____ DATE _____

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

By _____, of _____
(Name of officer or agent, title of officer or agent) (Name of corporation acknowledging)

a _____ corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He/she is personally
(State or place of incorporation)

known to me or has produced _____ as identification.
(type of identification)

Signature of Notary

Print, Type or Stamp Name of Notary

Title or Rank

Serial Number, If Any

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LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Cliff Thael, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: _____

ATTEST:
BOB INZER, CLERK OF THE COURT
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LEON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By: _____
Herbert W.A. Thiele, Esq.
County Attorney